AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claim in the application. Please add claim 27.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A method for online marking of contact lens containers a laminated film having a metal film and a plastic film affixed to the metal film, the method comprising the steps of:
welding a laminated film to a contact lens container to seal the container, wherein the laminated film comprises a metallic substrate affixed to an upside plastic material and an underside plastic material that can be welded to the container;
creating marks on the laminated film welded to the container by removing said upside plastic film down to said metallic substrate without perforating the metal film or by changing the upside plastic film in a manner that a visible color change occurs, by means of a laser, wherein the upside plastic film has pigments which change their colour on laser treatment, wherein said contact lens containers are stopped by a stopper bar prior to said creating marks step.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the upside plastic film has a side facing towards the metallic substrate and a side facing away from the metallic substrate, and said upside plastic film has printed text on the side facing towards or away from the metallic substrate.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the printed text is printed with pigments that change colour on laser treatment.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the contact lens container is a blister pack.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5 wherein several blister packs are covered and sealed by a strip of the laminated film and form a blister strip.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the blister strip has five blister packs.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising the use of a CO_2-laser as a laser.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising the use of a Nd:YAG laser.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10 comprising the use of a CO_2-laser with the wavelength 10.6 µm and the focus point of the laser beam with a diameter of 1000–100 µm.

13. (Canceled) The method of claim 6 comprising a stopper bar for the blister packs.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the blister packs are transported within a packaging plant in at least two manufacturing lines alongside one other.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 comprising two or more lasers for the marking of blister packs in lines.

16-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the upside plastic film is a colored plastic film whose color contrasts sharply with the color of the metallic substrate, and wherein the colored plastic film is removed by means of the laser down to the metallic substrate without perforating the metallic substrate.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the metallic substrate is an aluminum film.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein several blister packs are covered and sealed by a strip of the laminated film and form a blister strip.

26. (Canceled)

27. (New) A method for online marking of contact lens containers a laminated film having a metal film and a plastic film affixed to the metal film, the method comprising the steps of:
welding a laminated film to a contact lens container to seal the container, wherein the laminated film comprises a metallic substrate affixed to an upside plastic material and an underside plastic material that can be welded to the container;
creating marks on the laminated film welded to the container by removing said upside plastic film down to said metallic substrate without perforating the metal film or by changing the upside plastic

film in a manner that a visible color change occurs, by means of a laser, wherein the upside plastic film has pigments which change their colour on laser treatment,

providing an exhaust air system to discharge the waste produced during marking,

wherein said contact lens containers are stopped by a stopper bar prior to said creating marks step.